

Paint Pouring

Use the latest colouring craze to create standout greetings

If you're after a mixed media craft that guarantees unique results every time, you have to try acrylic pouring. It's a wonderfully messy way to create colourful art, and you can use the technique to make just about anything. Here, Ingrid Vichova has used the method to make bold backgrounds for bright and cheerful birthday cards that are sure to impress.



We used...

* Card: white, black * Acrylic paints, PaperArtsy, various colours * Liquitex Pouring Medium * Silicone oil (optional) * Plastic cups: 2cl, 200ml * Stirring sticks * Skewers * Tin tray * Rubbing alcohol * Wax paper * Dies: Concord & 9th, Layering Leaves; Altenew, Script Words 3, Fine Alphabet; Lawn Fawn, Happy Birthday Line Border * Stamps, Altenew, Birthday Greetings * Ink-pad: Tsukineko, VersaFine Onyx Black

Bold Birthday

1 Prepare paint cups using a 1:1 paint to pouring medium ratio with Zesty Zing, Tangerine Twist and London Bus with Liquitex Pouring Medium. Add a drop of silicone oil into each cup, lightly mix, then prepare white paint in another cup. Spread the white paint onto white card.

2 Pour the paint mixes in the centre. Add some more white paint around the coloured paints to

help it flow more, then blow into the wet paint with your mouth or a straw to spread it around. Lightly mist the surface with rubbing alcohol and allow it to dry naturally.

3 Once dry, cut the card to 15cm square and matt onto black. Die-cut 'Happy birthday' from black and fix onto the greeting. Wrap black and white baker's twine around the panel, then fix onto the blank with foam pads. Embellish with sequins.

Sending Hugs

1 Repeat step one of the previous project, this time using Zesty Zing, Tangerine Twist and Caribbean Sea. Drip the colours onto the wet white paint, pour some more white to one side of the card, then use plastic card or acetate to pull the white paint over the entire surface in one swipe.

2 Lightly mist the surface with rubbing alcohol and allow it to dry naturally. Cut the panel to 10cm x 14cm, matt onto black and adhere to a white blank.

3 Die-cut the letters to spell 'Hugs' from black card, and repeat with gold mirri cardstock. Layer together and fix to the card. Stamp 'Birthday' onto white card in black ink and adhere above, then add an enamel heart.

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Use a tin tray lined with wax paper or a non-stick sheet to catch any excess paint



Birthday Hooray

1 Repeat step one of the first project, this time using all the colours. Prepare a 'dirty cup' by taking turns in pouring all the colours, including the white, into one larger cup. Swiftly flip

it upside down onto the white card, lift, then move the paint around to cover the whole surface.

2 Lightly mist with rubbing alcohol and allow it to dry naturally. Cut to 7.5cm x 13cm, matt onto black, then secure onto a blank using foam pads. Stamp 'It's your birthday!' underneath. Die-cut 'Hooray' from black and gold mirri cardstock, layer together and adhere. 

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Ingrid says...

"You may have seen artists using heat guns to pop air bubbles - I'd recommend skipping this step, just use rubbing alcohol in a spray bottle instead"